

House Bill 887 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Butler of the 18th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 13 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tobacco product manufacturers, so as to provide for the creation of the Master Settlement Agreement's Advisory Committee on Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Programs; to provide for its composition, powers, and duties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 13 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tobacco product manufacturers, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"10-13-5.

(a) There is created the Master Settlement Agreement's Advisory Committee on Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Programs within the Department of Human Resources to be composed of the following:

(1) Two citizen members appointed by the Governor with some type of expertise in the field of tobacco prevention and education or smoking cessation;

(2) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(4) A tobacco prevention expert from the Department of Human Resources appointed by the commissioner of human resources;

(5) A tobacco prevention expert from the Department of Community Health appointed by the commissioner of community health;

(6) The following additional members appointed by the Governor:

(A) A tobacco prevention expert from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

1 (B) A representative from a school of public health from a university within the State
2 of Georgia;

3 (C) A representative from the American Cancer Society;

4 (D) A representative from the American Lung Association;

5 (E) A representative from the American Heart Association;

6 (F) A representative from the Medical Association of Georgia; and

7 (G) A representative from the Georgia State Medical Association.

8 (b) Members appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
9 the Lieutenant Governor shall be appointed to terms of two years each. However, for the
10 purpose of providing staggered terms, of the Governor's initial appointments, four
11 members shall be appointed for two-year terms and five members shall be appointed for
12 four-year terms.

13 (c) Any vacancy on the advisory committee shall be filled in the same manner as the
14 original appointment, and any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring because of
15 death, resignation, or ineligibility for membership shall serve only for the unexpired term
16 of the member's predecessor. A member shall be eligible for reappointment.

17 (d) Members of the advisory committee that serve in the Georgia General Assembly shall
18 receive the same compensation, per diem, expenses, and allowances for their service on the
19 committee as is authorized by law for members of interim legislative study committees.

20 (e) The advisory committee shall meet at least quarterly and upon the call of the
21 chairperson.

22 (f) The advisory committee shall:

23 (1) Determine the most effective means of establishing clear and meaningful lines of
24 communication between the advisory committee and the public and private sectors in
25 order to ensure that the process of developing and implementing the state tobacco control
26 strategy has afforded a broad spectrum of the public and private sectors an opportunity
27 to comment and make recommendations;

28 (2) Review and make recommendations to the Governor and the legislature on funding
29 tobacco prevention and education programs and services; the advisory committee may
30 recommend the creation of a separate appropriations category for funding services
31 delivered or procured by applicable state agencies and may recommend the use of
32 performance based contracting;

33 (3) Review various tobacco prevention and education programs and recommend, where
34 appropriate, measures that are sufficient to determine program outcomes; the advisory
35 committee shall review different methodologies for evaluating programs and determine
36 whether programs within different state agencies have common outcomes;

(4) Review the tobacco control strategies and programs of, and efforts by, other states and the federal government and compile the relevant research with emphasis given to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Best Practices for Tobacco Control*, as they may be periodically amended;

(5) Recommend to the Governor and the legislature changes in law which would remove barriers to, or enhance the implementation of, this state's tobacco prevention strategy;

(6) Make recommendations to the Governor and the legislature on the need for public information campaigns to be conducted in this state to limit tobacco consumption;

(7) Encourage implementation of a coordinated, integrated, and multidisciplinary response to the tobacco use problem in this state, with special attention given to creating partnerships within and between the public and private sectors, and to the coordinated, supported, and integrated delivery of multiple-system services for tobacco users, including a multiagency team approach to tobacco prevention and education; and

(8) Review the original Master Settlement Agreement to assess Georgia's continued commitment to tobacco prevention programs and the treatment of smoking related illnesses.

(g) The advisory committee shall submit to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Lieutenant Governor, by September 1 of each year, a report which contains a summary of the work of the committee during that year and the recommendations required pursuant to subsection (f) of this Code section. Interim reports may be submitted at the discretion of the chairperson of the advisory committee.

(h) This Code section shall be automatically repealed on July 1, 2010."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.